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Work study cuts close listening lab

By BRITTA TRYGSTAD
Staff Writer

Music students have been unable to access music in the listening lab this semester due to work-study cuts. Rod Rothlisberger, chairman of the MSUM music department, said the listening lab had not been staffed because those students who had work-study funds chose other positions in the music department. "The difficulty lies in the fact that work study funds have been drastically cut," said Rothlisberger. Due to the value of the equipment, recordings, CDs and LPs contained in the room, the listening lab must be staffed whenever it is open to prevent theft. Rothlisberger said, "We can't open it up and leave it open, and the faculty does not have time to staff it." Teachers who require listening for their classes have put music on reserve in the library for their students

this semester. However, students who want to do independent work or listen to music outside of the classroom have not been able to listen to music inside the listening lab. "Students do not have access to the recording unless (they get the recording) through a faculty member," Rothlisberger said. Brian Curr, student senator for arts and humanities, said he was asked to sign a petition to open the room. Also, he said students asked him to bring the issue to the student senate. "They brought it to me so late in the semester that the student senate, the administration and the music department couldn't do anything for this semester." Students have also brought the issue to Rothlisberger. "I've been rather pleased how the students have come to me. It's very encouraging." He said the problem is not

with the university, but with the state of Minnesota. "We were caught off guard." The music department has heard from two students who are willing to staff the listening lab next semester, which will allow the lab to be open for four hours a day. Rothlisberger said that because the listening lab has been closed this semester, the issue of how to staff the listening lab has been addressed. "It's helped generate some conversations for long-term. And that's good because we've managed to stumble along in the past," he said. "We are working on long-range plans." The music department and the library have discussed several options such as moving the listening lab to the library or staffing the room with work-study students from the library. The music department has considered writing grant requests that would make it possible to either move some of the equipment from the lab over to the library or help them to pay for staff in the listening lab. Trygstad can be reached at shadowedfire@hotmail.com.

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Rod Rothlisberger
MSUM music department chairman



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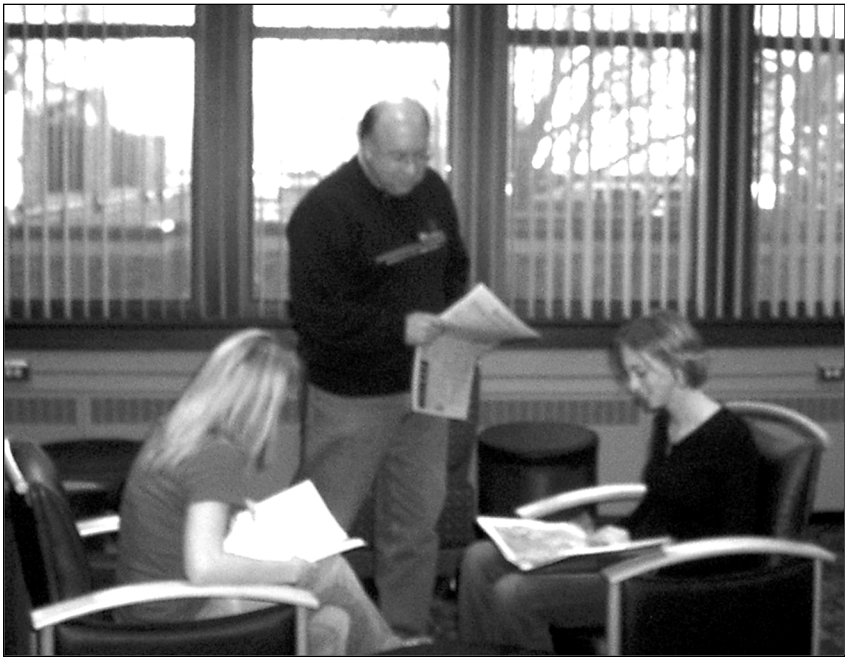
Student catches giant musky

By ANNA HOVHANNISYAN
Staff Writer

Fishing is a favorite hobby for many people but few meet the dedication of Kurt Kainz who spends 500 to 800 hours per year with a rod and reel. In 2000, mass comm major Kainz, 28, of Fargo, caught a musky on Minnesota's Cass Lake. The fish stretched the tape at 57 1/8 inches and weighed 46 1/4 pounds. The musky was only the third that Kainz had ever caught. He previously has boated a 50 1/2 inches musky

and one he estimated at about 15 inches in 1997. The fish was three inches longer than the 54-pounder that holds the Minnesota state record, caught on Lake Winnibigoshish in 1957. Stories about Kainz's giant fish have appeared in 12 magazines and newspapers. It was also used as a national advertising campaign for TUF fishing line. Kainz said the fish is now mounted in glass and enclosed in a coffee table. Hovhannisyan can be reached at hov_anna@hotmail.com.

Mass comm department adopts think tank



JOSEPH BOUSHEE/THE ADVOCATE

Students Melissa Beaton, Hank Crenshaw and Jenni deNeui work together in the mass communications department's new "think tank."

By JOSEPH BOUSHEE
Staff Writer

Imagine a room without desks, a projector, a TV or even computers. Now imagine a room with flashy carpet, leather chairs and ottomans, a stainless steel baseboard and open ceilings; all of this while being nearly soundproof. These details were all part of Norm Robinson's vision for a new and innovative place for students to learn and interact. Robinson, a 1973 MSUM graduate in mass communications, is the president of Advertising Marketing in Fargo. His idea was to create a room unlike any other normal classroom where students could go and "learn

how to think." Called "The Creative Learning Center," Robinson says it is subtitled "An environment for the development of learning." He wanted to provide a real world environment that was different from the classroom. Explaining the lack of modern technology in the room, Robinson said, "Technology doesn't think, it does." He wants students to rely on their brains rather than technology to inspire creative ideas. "No computer ever came up with an idea on its own," he said. The room can be used to conduct interviews, brainstorm, listen to speeches, as well as many other things. Last year, Robinson was

called in to replace Bill Hall, an associate professor, who had to leave to have heart surgery. He was asked to provide funds for research projects in the department while he was teaching, but instead proposed his idea for the learning center. Almost a year-and-a-half later, the room was completed and is now available for use. It is located just across the hallway from the mass comm lounge. The room was designed by Robinson and built by an MSUM construction crew. He said he is happy with the way his money was used and that he got a lot for what he paid. ☐ THINK, back page

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Happenings and Events

12.11

CSA holiday social, 9 to 11 a.m., Dragon Den.

12.11 and 12.12

Film practicum: Beginning film-making, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., King Auditorium.

12.12

Tri-Beta sponsors "Crime Scene Investigation: An Introduction to the BCA Laboratory," 2 p.m., King 110.

12.15

Film practicum: Techniques of film directing, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., King Auditorium.

12.16

Film practicum: 16mm film production, 7 to 9 p.m., King Auditorium.

Seniors present
Graphic communications seniors, emphasizing in multimedia and digital design and production, will present their senior projects at 7 p.m. Friday in Fox Recital Hall (CA).

Local authorities talk about safety
An informational session on personal safety will be from 2 to 4 p.m. today (Thursday) in CMU 227.
Representatives from the Moorhead Police Department, Hendrix Health Center, Campus Security and Counseling Center will be available to answer questions and provide resources on personal safety concerns in light of the recent abduction in the Grand Forks, N.D., area.
Please come with any concerns you have about safety on campus and within the community.

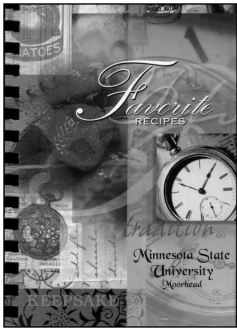
FBLA offers free child care
Future Business Leaders of America will host Holiday Shopping Child Care from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday in Nemzek gym 113.
Free-will donations will be accepted with a portion of the proceeds going to the Salvation Army.
If interested please respond to holidayshoppingcare@hotmail.com by 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Bookstore buys back textbooks
The MSUM bookstore and the Nebraska Book Company will buy back textbooks starting today (Thursday).
Buy backs will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 18, weekdays only, across from the Dragon Stop and bookstore in MacLean.
Please bring all components purchased with the textbook including CDs, study guides, extra booklets, answer keys, etc.
The MSUM bookstore will pay 55 percent of the new price for books being used again next semester if requested by the professor. If a book is not being used this spring, the Nebraska Book Company will offer a value determined by the industry.
Some books will have little or no value if they are an old edition or outdated.
For questions or more information call 477-2459.

Receive paychecks during winter break
The CMU will have student paychecks available through Dec. 22. From Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, student paychecks are available at the Business Office in Owens, since the CMU is closed during break.
Checks will be available again on Jan. 5 at the CMU main office.
The university will be closed on payday Dec. 26.
Students who want their paychecks mailed to them can leave a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their Dragon ID number written on the inside flap at the CMU main office, the payroll office, or the business office.
Please remember mail delivery during the holidays can take a little longer.
Students also have the option to sign up for direct deposit. Fill out the necessary paperwork and bring a voided check by Dec. 12 to the CMU main office to set up a direct deposit account in time for the Dec. 26 payday.

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12.1	Domestic in Grantham.
12.1	Fire in CA.
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12.2	Theft in McLean.
12.3	Intoxicated individual outside Ballard.
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12.7	Theft in CA.
12.7	No parking violation in parking lot N.
12.7	Theft in CA.

PRSSA sells cookbooks
Public Relations Student Society of America is selling campus cookbooks for \$9 a piece.
The recipes are from staff and students around campus. All the proceeds go toward future PRSSA conference trips and organizational expenses.
This book has a wide variety of recipes in it and is a great gift for the holidays.



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"See, I'm a really good speller, but I don't watch 'Survivor.'"

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Local newspaper offers chance to win a truck

Luther Bucks promotion increases The Forum's circulation sales

By BRITTA TRYGSTAD

Staff Writer

A promotion started by Fargo-Moorhead's local newspaper, The Forum, sparked a new craze among readers.

It is called the Millionaire Auction and features Luther Bucks—fake money that readers can clip out of the newspaper, collect and bid on items up for auction.

"It gives the readers a chance to get something back," said My Highman, single copy editor at The Forum.

Sue Wiger, who works for the circulation department at The Forum, said the Millionaire Auction is a circulation promotion that aims to increase sales and get readers to stop and buy the newspaper.

Highman said circulation sales have increased during the promotion, especially over-the-counter sales at gas stations and grocery stores.

Although the Millionaire Auction has been done at other newspapers across the country, Highman said this promotion is different. "We've thrown our radio media in it," he said.

WDAY AM 970, owned by Forum Communications Co., has partnered with the newspaper to give away Luther Bucks.

MSUM senior Norbert Ferro discovered the promotion while working at the Etcetera Shop in the CMU. "I was reading the newspaper one day and an ad for the Luther Bucks showed up, so I read it. I thought it would be interesting," he said.

Ferro has been collecting Luther Bucks since the auction began in October. "I have a couple of people that work with me that help me out," he said.



SARAH OLSONAWSKI/THE ADVOCATE

Norbert Ferro, MSUM senior, clips Luther-bucks from numerous Forum newspapers every day.

Melissa Fritz, MSUM sophomore and Ferro's girlfriend, clips Luther Bucks from the paper for Ferro. "He gets all the papers and puts them in front of me and then says, 'OK, cut them out,'" Fritz said. "When it first started, he was frantic about it. He had probably about six people cutting them out."

Ferro said he also goes through the recycling bins and the CMU lounges to pick up unread newspapers.

Each day, The Forum prints one coupon worth 5,000 Luther Bucks. On bonus days, five coupons are printed which total 25,000 Luther Bucks.

WDAY AM 970 receives random callers who can "spin a wheel" and win 25,000 to a million Luther Bucks.

Small auctions are held each week of the promotion. In the Sunday paper, five items are featured for the weekly auction. This week's prizes include a dishwasher, \$250 cash and golf clubs.

During the final auction, held Jan. 17, participants can win big-ticket items, each

worth more than \$1,000.

"People will come in with basically 'Monopoly' money and come out with really great prizes," Highman said.

The auction includes 20 items such as a Hitachi 46" HDTV with built-in DVD player

worth \$2,400, private rental of the Fargo Theatre worth \$1,000, and a 2004 F150 4x4 Ford pickup worth \$32,810.

Luther Bucks received its name from Luther Family Ford of Fargo, who has supplied the largest item for the final auction—a Ford pickup truck.

"I was going for the truck," Ferro said. "But, I've heard this one guy who has 20 million (Luther Bucks)."

Ferro has 12 million, which he said would not be enough to win the truck. Instead, he said he is going to bet on the best item during a weekly auction.

"I hope to win the truck," said Matt Church, a resident of Fargo. Church estimates he has 250 to 300 million Luther Bucks and said he hasn't considered betting on a different item.

Like Ferro, Church finds unread newspapers to clip the Luther Bucks. He also has friends who help him out. "I've got my co-workers who clip

them out for me," he said.

"It's going to take a large amount of Luther Bucks to get the truck," Wiger said. "People may pool their money because of that."

The promotion runs until Jan. 10 with the final auction on Jan. 17 at the Fargo Civic Auditorium and Centennial

Hall.

"We don't know what to expect," Highman said.

Rules, prizes and bidding information is available at The Forum's Web site at www.inforum.com.

Trygstad can be reached at shadowedfire@hotmail.com.

HELP FIND DRU

Dru Sjodin disappeared on Nov 22nd, 2003 from Grand Forks North Dakota.

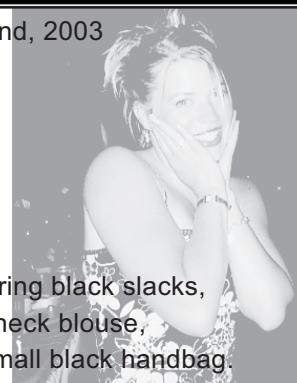
Profile

Name: Dru Sjodin

Height: 5' 7" Weight: 130 pounds

Hair: Frosted Blond Eyes: Blue

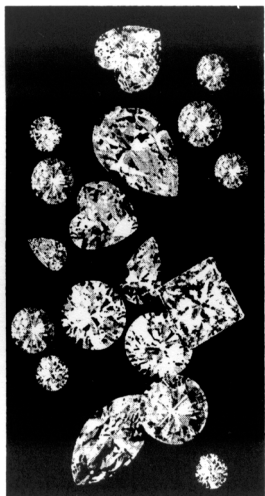
Last Seen: She was last seen wearing black slacks, black loafers, a pink and purple V-neck blouse, a black blazer-style jacket and a small black handbag.



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Semester break should be week shorter and graduation sooner

MSUM students across campus are preparing to rejoice, as next week will mark the end of the semester and the start of winter break. Following their last final, students will pack their bags and likely head home for the holidays.

It's a nice break from the hectic pace of finals week. While no one complains about the break, it does seem a little long.

Two of the three members of this editorial board are seniors graduating in May. That month could not come sooner to either of them.

If we trimmed the break from four weeks to three, graduation could be pushed a little sooner.

It may not be much of a big deal, but four weeks is an awfully long time. Students get a week before Christmas off, followed by the week of Christmas, which is followed by two more weeks off. There is just a lot of free time where students are likely doing nothing other than working extra hours.

With that much time off, it's hard for someone to return to class.

No one needs that much time off. The last day of finals is Dec. 18, and classes don't start again until Jan. 13. That's almost an entire month.

Considering the way the economy is right now, there probably aren't too many people taking vacations that last two weeks. Plus, there's always the week off in March for spring break, which amounts to nine days off including week-ends.

If a week, or maybe more, was trimmed from winter break, graduation could be pushed up, and students could get more time off during the semester.

For example, from Jan. 19 to spring break, there isn't a single weekday off from class. That's a long time to go without a break. People can point to the weekends, but let's face it, college students are busier on the weekends with things like work than they are during the week. A non-instructional day between that nearly two-month span could be refreshing.

The school year's calendar needs to better reflect the needs of students—the people who have to follow the calendar and adjust their lives to it.

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Abstinence empowers female student

Last week's Letters to the Editor included a letter from the chair of the Campus Feminist Organization. I feel I must say that her description of a feminist is rather accurate. Allow me to explain.

Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and other early fighters for women's rights did not consider themselves feminists. They couldn't, the term didn't exist then. It wasn't until the 1960s when that term came into use to describe the radical women's movement that involved burning bras and screaming about how terrible men are.

Knowing this, I don't find the attitude displayed by the CFO's representative at all surprising. Disappointing, but not surprising.

As for her comment about our society teaching women that "their privates are naughty and that it's not good to feel good," I beg to differ. If anything, our society has started leaning toward the

Letters to the editor

'anything goes' mentality. If what is meant by "our society" is that portion that promotes abstinence, then she is still wrong.

I myself am 20 years old and very much a virgin, and will stay that way until I'm married. This isn't because I find anything wrong with my body. On the contrary, I have a great deal of respect for it, that's what abstinence means.

After all, sex is a physical and psychological bonding between two people. It is a very special gift. Yet even the most special gifts lose their meaning if given too broadly.

As for looking forward and being empowered, that does not mean you have to ignore the past. There is so much to learn from it that would have to be learned the hard way otherwise. Someone once

said, "Those who do not study history are doomed to repeat it." We can learn from the failures and successes of our predecessors

so we may better understand what we need to do in the present and future.

It is interesting to note that many, perhaps even most, of the early women's rights activists were pro-life. Read what they had to say on the topic, it's rather interesting.

Before I leave, let me say that pro-life is not anti-choice. We're giving women a choice. The Perry Center provides a home for young mothers who have nowhere else to go. Crisis pregnancy centers provide counseling, access to adoption agencies, and other services. This includes support after the baby is born in the form of diapers, baby food, and other supplies that some women may not be able to get themselves.

Naomi Gill
MSUM junior

Senators' letters debatable

In a suite of impassioned letters last week, MSUM's student senate emphatically denied any wrongdoing in regards to the now nefarious removal of several fliers protesting the creation of an MSUM Wellness Center.

The letters, (which read much as expected) lauded the senate as a vehicle of student communication, expressed dismay towards the pattern of "published misinformation, generalizations, and fallacies" extant in last week's issue, and encouraged MSUM students to participate in student democracy.

However, a few points seem notable and a few points, outright debatable. First, I concede that I was (slightly) in error. Mr. Crockett did not "assure" that the removal of fliers was permitted. However, other representatives of Mr. Crockett's office did OK the removal of the flyers, and thus (as I imagine he is in charge of his office) Mr. Crockett is ultimately responsible for the student senator's action.

Further, while that action

was wholly technically legal, the removal of the fliers was standard operating procedure. Yet, the removal of the fliers seems anything but routine; that is to say, ulterior motives seem quite suspect.

For a moment, let us assume that the senator's actions everyday, were routine, so to speak. If this is the case, if indeed the senator removed the fliers not "as a senator" but as an "assistant in the administrative affairs office" why then did she immediately bring them to the student senate office, revealing in her find?

To be sure, my previous letter was not a result of "second-hand information" or a lack of "journalistic integrity," in fact I gleaned my information, directly from the source; that is to say, I was present when the now infamous student senator came into the office with a handful of ('illegal') fliers.

If she had said nothing of it, if indeed she had reacted like the removal of fliers was a normal occurrence (by throwing them away for instance), I would have said nothing and

this whole debacle never would have taken place. However, she did not. The senator made a point to mention the fliers, so that others took note. If I recall correctly, she did so laughing.

Thus, the fliers seemed a special case, as if they had been removed to reach particular ends (i.e., the silencing of student opposition). I found this unacceptable and consequently, wrote my letter (and this one). In other words, if this had been a normal occurrence, as the student senate and its president would have you believe, I never would have written my letter in the first place.

Finally, as an addendum of sorts, I believe Mr. Maier was in Washington, D.C. at the time of the aforementioned incident (the removal of the fliers) so if anyone is utilizing second-hand information, it seems it is he.

With that, I will refrain from writing on this topic hereafter, as I believe the matter has (now) been accurately settled.

Brett Ortler
MSUM Junior

Trip to antique store brings back the 1980s

I was at an antique store recently. Let's keep this in mind before I continue. An antique store.



BRIAN GRAY

Columnist

"I despise the 80s as much as the next guy with a mullet."

While looking for these vices I have in life, I continued to run across the same items every vendor had on display.

"Old" toys. Vintage toys. Old fashioned antique toys. Toys that, no less than a decade ago, stood proudly on display in my bedroom. He-Man, GI Joe, Star Wars, Transformers, Ninja Turtles, plastic ninja soldiers, talking Pee Wee Herman dolls, scattered all over the antique store, seeming to say, "Hey! If you played with me, you're old too! Ha ha! Now pull

my string and I'll tell you the secret word!" Seeing this was like a plague of realization, pointing out to me, once again, my age.

I couldn't help but wonder how grandfather time mustered the energy to get up from his rocker and knock me on my butt like that.

Now yes, I am treading through the established territory I ranted and railed about in a recent column, but more needs to be seethed about. One column wasn't enough, because there's more.

The TV network Fox (Motto: We'll give you Geraldo, and the world will give you the Four Horsemen) has begun a show titled "Arrested Development." Writing about this causes my eye to viciously twitch. Has Fox assumed that enough time has passed from my childhood that they can reclaim the name credited to one of music's greatest hip-hop groups?

One of the few decent things to derive from the '80s is being robbed of its title. It's as if Fox is forcing us to forget about the music group who spun the brilliant tale about a homeless

man who secretly had the answers to inner happiness and harmony in "Mr. Wendal."

Are we now supposed to forget this song, and its creators, because Fox, in its high standards of excellence, is arrested in itself of any creativity? Now that the '80s have apparently gone beyond the horizon of memory, will we see more of these shows develop that indirectly seek out and destroy the names that call to mind my childhood?

Will HBO create a political show that explores the balance between peace and violence in a show called "Guns and Roses?"

Will Disney's next animated project be an uplifting picture about a family of birds called "Flock of Seagulls?"

Will MTV create a show where young kids analyze music videos and give it the name "Culture Club?" (Probably not, I think I can be assured. I haven't seen a music video on MTV since childhood).

I feel my cherished past, and everything that links itself to it, has become public domain. My childhood has become not

only a lucrative market for sellers to slap \$100 prices on Pee Wee Herman dolls, but one that is becoming corroded and dying away.

No longer do we see the days where we are given coming-of-age films directed by John Hughes, with music soundtracks written by Kenny Loggins, as Corey Haim and Corey Feldman take us on a two-hour adventure.

Those days have come and gone, and here's the proof: Sebastian Bach acted on Broadway. Pro wrestlers and Mr. Universe champions are now successful politicians. MC Hammer is now bankrupt. Michael Jackson is now white. Madonna is now a Kabbalah mother. Everything I remember from my past has either taken a new direction, reformed, revamped, contorted into different shapes, or faded away.

I despise the '80s as much as the next guy with a mullet, but for a person to grow and flourish they need roots. They must have something that serves as a foundation for them. With the toys that symbolize my childhood being relegated to antique stores, and the names

of my past musical idols being replaced by Fox sitcoms, the roots that used to ground me are drying up and withering.

But I for one refuse to let my past become an open market for anyone to claim. Times do change, and, as time marches on, the complexities in life tend to get as complicated as a Rubik's Cube. But I, however, will be looking for something that isn't complex.

I'm going to get into my car, fill it up with my old baseball cards that are now worth somewhere in the billions, and sell them off in order to devote myself to the steadfast quest in finding something pure and simple as a Simon Says.

Some things in life are absolute, and no matter how brutally that old mean grandfather time attacks it with his cane, it remains unchanged. I'm going to head out past that horizon of memory, and seek out the one thing that has remained the same.

And since I still own the CD, I'll be listening to the original "Arrested Development" the entire way.

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Letter writer offered false information on AAA Clinic

This letter is in response to Ms. Ruth Meberg's stunningly ignorant remarks made in her letter to the editor, "Campus Feminist Organization about fun, empowerment" (12/04/03). In her column, she makes slanderous comments about the AAA Pregnancy Clinic, a local non-profit agency that has been serving this area for 20 years.

I suggest that Ruth does some simple research before she makes any more slanderous, accusatory comments. It's hard to take her seriously when she does not take the time to research an agency that she chooses to lash out against.

In her article, Ruth states that the clinic gives out "false information and feeds on scared, uneducated women

who are left without support."

The AAA Pregnancy Clinic does not give out false information—we are a medical clinic; all of our services are provided in the highest professional manner by licensed medical professionals.

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Your turn

from whatever decision a woman makes. Rather, we provide the woman information and ongoing support to empower her to make good decisions for herself.

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them information and support in a totally nonjudgmental manner.

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We do stellar work specializing in helping women with an unplanned pregnancy and providing ongoing support. We have on-site educational sessions conducted by registered nurses regarding a host of

topics: prenatal care, parenting, goal setting, etc. Additionally, we provide material and financial assistance.

I would be pleased to provide Ruth with a tour of the clinic to allow her an opportunity to see our work in action.

If Ms. Meberg is truly about empowerment for women as she states, she is welcome to come to the clinic and truly see what compassionate, non-judgmental services are offered at the AAA Pregnancy Clinic and what we actually do to help those "scared, uneducated women" she has so labeled who come through our doors.

**Pauline Economon, RN, MSN, MA, FCP
Executive Director
AAA Pregnancy Clinic**



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Alcohol-infused practices jumpstart creative process for Messing With Texas

By ELISSA HOVLAND

A & E Editor

My 6 p.m. interview with Messing With Texas started off with a handshake and a few awkward silences, but thanks to drummer, Erik Block, I soon found that the three guys in front of me had many stories to tell.

Block, Matt Novak and Dayl Wentland are originally from Ortonville, Minn., and have played in bands since high school. "We all grew up together," said Block.

"Ortonville people construct their own reality. If you're not a part of it, you can basically piss off," added Wentland.

Block, who is the band's drummer and back-up vocalist has been playing drums for 11 years and has been in numerous bands during the past 10 years. A graduate of MSUM, Block has returned to get a second degree with hopes of becoming an English teacher.

Block's bandmate and friend, Wentland has been playing guitar for the past 13 years and admits to owning very few CDs. "I don't really listen to other music—I'm kinda like Yanni in that way." Wentland now lives in Moorhead with his cat, Peter.

The band's bassist Novak is a sociology major at MSUM. "I think I'm a senior, or I will be next semester," he said. Novak now lives in Fargo with Wentland's brother. "I've played bass for about seven or eight years, and I haven't improved since I started," said Novak.

"You were good," said Wentland. "But you keep getting worse." The group laughed.

Although their lead singer Jon Hartman was away at work, his bandmates did little to keep him out of the spotlight.

"Jon is really fashion conscious, but pretends that he's not," said Block. "I just know he stands in front of the mirror and gives his hair the messy look," he laughed.

"Yeah, and he's really impatient," said Novak.

"I think he's got ADD or something," added Wentland.

They all laughed but continued to compliment Hartman and tell stories about their young lead singer. "He just gets so into it," said Block. "Our shows always look great."

The shows may look great, but the guys admit to rarely practicing. "We never practice," said Block. "Yesterday was the first time we practiced in two months." The lack of time set aside for practicing is not their only eccentricity: Messing With Texas rarely practices without the addition of alcohol.

"[During practice] at least half of us are drunk," said Novak.

"Or all of us are half drunk," added Wentland.

"We cannot practice sober," said Block. "We tried once and it just didn't work."

The band's sit-down practices seem to be most productive according to Block, "It's easier to come up with ideas when we don't have all the instruments going off, it has a lot to do with communication."

The guys continued to map out a typical practice, "Whenever we get stuck, we're like, 'Matt, play something,' then he plays this off-the-wall

sound, so when you hear parts on our album that sound different, that was Matt," said Block.

"I'm not good with just writing, or coming up with ideas. I'm better just doing things off the cuff," said Novak.

"I think you have a lot of ideas, you just think you don't," added Block.

Although they seldom practice, the band does admit to warming up and running through their songs before a performance.

"Our performances are really energetic; Jon is the ideal front man," said Block. "He pushes himself to near vomiting almost every time."

"I think with us growing up together, people can tell that we're good friends; we always spend time in between songs goofing around."

"We always think we're super funny," added Wentland.

"We think we're hilarious," commented Block. "I think you're funny guys."

"Dayl's just a diva," said Novak.

"You remember that movie?" asked Wentland. "The one where Steve Martin is a pastor?"

"Leap of Faith?" asked Block.

"Yeah, that one, he has this jacket, with shiny mirrors all over it ..."

"You want one?" asked Block.



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"Yeah, I want one of those," laughed Wentland.

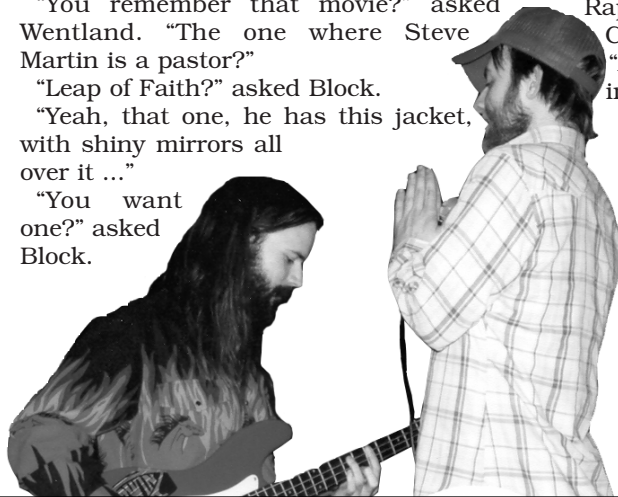
Their first CD, a small set, titled "... So Pretty in Pieces" was released in April and produced at MSUM's studio. "Our new stuff is a lot better," said Block. "Our last album still represents what we're about, but we hope to have a new album out before this summer." The band still has two more songs in the works according to Block and minor touch-ups on a remaining few before the new album is ready to record.

Messing With Texas will be going on tour later this month for a little more than a week. "This tour will be a warm up for our summer tour, we just want to see if we can survive on the road," said Block. The band will be stopping in Sioux Falls, S.D., Sioux City, S.D., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Madison, Wis., St. Cloud, Minn., and Harwood, N.D. "Any self-respecting band will play in Harwood," said Block.

With their upcoming tour, Messing With Texas is hoping to gain a wider fan base and improve on their overall performance skills.

"The Fargo-Moorhead area has some really awesome bands. Someday we hope to be a part of that," said Block.

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Jan. 17 If Looks Could Kill Farewell Show at All Star Bowl, Moorhead, 8 p.m. \$5
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When Something Fails


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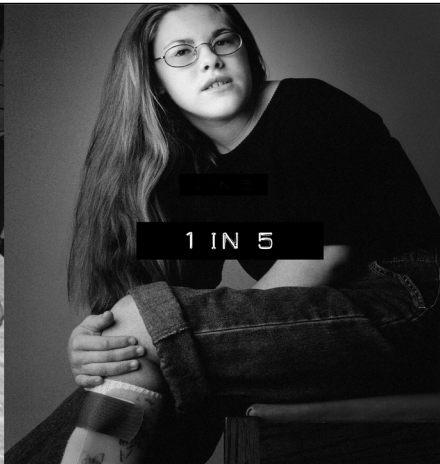
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Avenged

Dragons fall to Sioux, defeat Mayville, Finlandia

By DUSTIN MONKE

Staff Writer

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, entered its Dec. 3 game with MSUM looking for some long-overdue revenge. The Dragons upset the Sioux 80-66 at Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse last season.

The Sioux got their revenge in convincing fashion.

An early UND lead and poor shooting by MSUM from beyond the arc propelled the Sioux to an 84-59 win at the Hyslop Sports Center in Grand Forks.

The Fighting Sioux took the lead early and built on it with an 18-3 run midway through the first half, leading to a 32-15 advantage with 7:49 left before halftime.

MSUM junior guard Ben Aalto ended the run with a three-pointer with 7:23 remaining in the first half.

The Dragons (4-3) cut the UND lead to 43-33 by halftime but the Sioux didn't panic and built on its lead throughout the second half.

Junior forward Deandre Buchanan led the Dragons in scoring with 12 points, shooting six of seven from the free throw line.

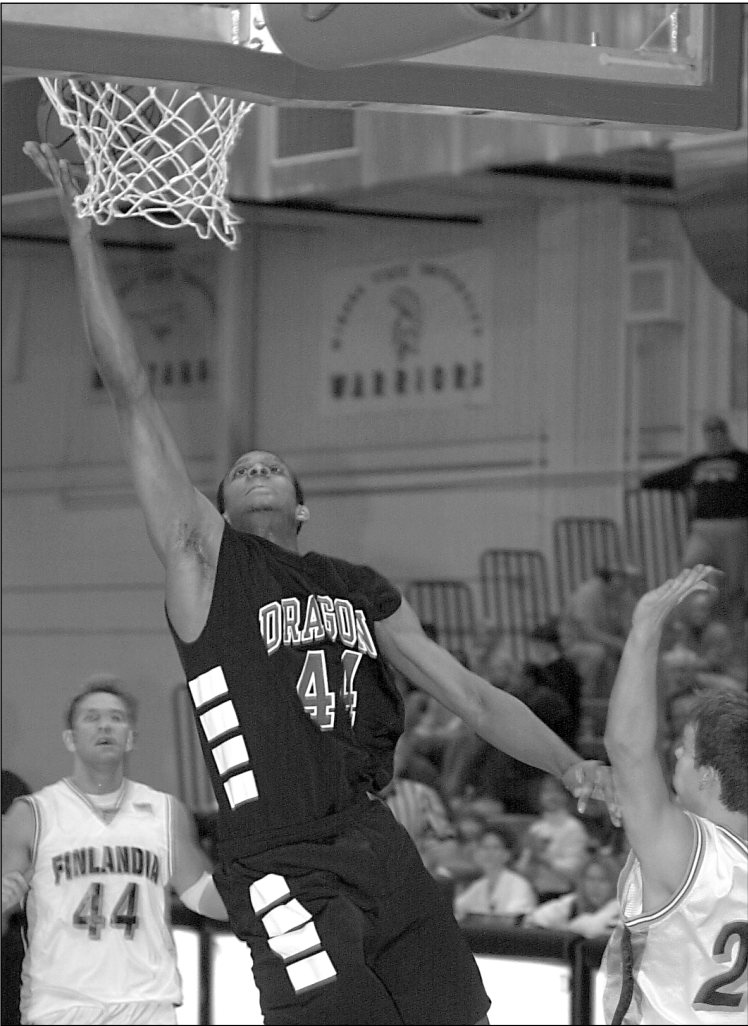
Junior guard Ridas Globys shot 2-for-3 from three-point range on his way to 11 points.

The nonconference loss wasn't the only thing on the mind of MSUM coaches that night.

MSUM also lost freshman center Kyle Nelson, who tore his ACL and is out for the season.

Nelson plans to apply for a medical redshirt, allowing him to retain his freshman status for the 2004-05 season.

The injury has forced the



JASON PROCHNOW/PHOTO EDITOR

MSUM junior guard Eddie Small goes up for a layup Saturday night against Finlandia. The Dragons won 86-66.

Dragons to change its rotation. "We have to start juggling around our rotation," Engen said. "The time was good to have to make some of these changes."

The true freshman had been averaging a conference-high two blocks per game.

Dragons top Finlandia

The Dragons recovered from

the loss to UND with great shooting in a convincing 88-66 home win over Finlandia University, Hancock, Mich.

Globys, who had been coming off the bench the last two games, returned to the starting lineup against the Lions and scored 18 points off 6-for-6 shooting from three-point range.

"(Globys) showed how he's

capable of playing," Engen said.

"I'm trying to do what coach told me to do," Globys said. "They tried doubling (Buchanan) and my teammates just found me open."

Buchanan led all scorers with 20 points on 75 percent (9-for-12) shooting.

"Deandre finished inside," Engen said.

Winless Mayville loses

MSUM went into Tuesday's contest against winless NAIA opponent Mayville State (0-8) looking to get back above .500, having won three of its last four games.

The Dragons made light work of the Comets 77-38.

Five Dragons scored in double figures. None of the Comets scored more than nine points.

Junior forward Eddie Small came off the bench, threw down three big dunks on fast breaks and had a game-high 14 points.

Anderson and Globys made use of the three-point line, hitting 3-for-4 and 2-for-5 for 13 and 12 points, respectively.

A 34-24 halftime lead didn't please Engen as he rallied his team to start defending the ball better and playing better defense overall. They did.

The Comets shot 23 percent (6-for-26) in the second half while MSUM excelled, shooting 58 percent (17-for-26) from field goal range.

"They struggled against the zone," Engen said. "We did a better job in the second half pressuring the ball."

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

MSUM triumphs in Winona

By HAYDEN GOETHE

Sports Editor

The MSUM swimming squad wrapped up one of its stronger finishes of the season, winning the St. Mary's Invitational in Winona, Minn., Saturday.

MSUM topped the eight-team field with 765.5 points, nearly 300 more than second-place University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.

"I think we did pretty well," freshman Amanda Burks said. "Coach (Todd Peters) expected us to do well at this meet."

Senior Rachel Riopel finished first in the 100-yard backstroke and the 200-yard backstroke and was a member of the first-place 200-yard medley relay.

Freshman Jenna Nace led all swimmers in the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly and the 400-yard individual medley.



Nace

Nace's mark in the 200-yard butterfly set the school record, and broke the pool record in Winona.

"I just swam the best I could," Nace said. "I didn't really know what the other teams had."

Nace noted that one of the bigger reasons for the team's success in the invitational was the diving. This season is the first one MSUM has had divers.

"It helps a lot," Nace said. "We are a more well-rounded team."

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WRESTLING

Radunz tops NAIA champ in 34-9 victory over Mary

By HAYDEN GOETHE

Sports Editor

Propelled by Desmond Radunz's 8-3 win over NAIA national champion Aaron Hartnell, the Dragon wrestlers defeated University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D., 34-9.

Radunz's win marked his second win of the year against Hartnell, defeating him in the 125-pound class during the Bison Open in Fargo to open the season.

"It went really well," Dragons coach Keenan Spiess said of the dual. "We continued to improve."

The Dragons won eight of 10 weight classes.

Sophomore Shane Eskelson recorded a 15-6 win over

Mary's Resse Boehm and senior Ryan Kopiasz defeated Elijah Simburger 12-6.

The Dragons will take part in the St. Cloud (Minn.) State Invitational Saturday. NDSU and Division III national champion Augsburg College, Minneapolis, are among the participants.

Spiess does not expect the team to finish ahead of either of those two schools.

"We'll be shooting for third," Spiess said. "If we take third, I'll be happy."

Saturday's invitational takes place at 9 a.m. It is the last event until the Terry Haws Dual Jan. 17 at Collegeville, Minn.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women score 115 points Saturday

By HAYDEN GOETHE

Sports Editor

The women's basketball team's winning streak was snapped Tuesday night. The Dragons lost to Nebraska-Kearney 92-49 after scoring wins against Concordia College Dec. 3 and Northland Baptist Bible College, Dunbar, Wis., Saturday.

MSUM committed 37 turnovers in losing to the Lopers.

Senior Janna Davis scored 10 points and blocked two shots, and senior Liz Klukas added 10 points and eight rebounds.

The Dragons shot just 35 percent from the floor.

The Dragons scored a school-record 115 points against Northland Baptist in a 115-42 win. Northland Baptist lost the previous night to University of Minnesota-Crookston 117-36.

Senior Liz Klukas led the Dragons with 18 points, eclipsing the 1,000-point mark for her career. Junior Lindsay Hartmann added 17 points and 10 rebounds off the bench. No MSUM starter played more than 16 minutes in a game that the Dragons led 63-15 at halftime.

The Dragons (5-3) host Northwestern College, St. Paul, Minn., Saturday in their next game.

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JASON PROCHNOW/PHOTO EDITOR

MSUM freshman guard Lindsay Anderson (33) played a season-high 22 minutes Saturday night.

Athletic director search cut to four candidates

By CASEY MOEN

Staff Writer

And then there were four.

David Crockett, vice president of Administrative Affairs, member of the athletic director search committee and interim athletic director, issued a press release last week that named the final four candidates in MSUM's search for a new athletic director.

The finalists are Howard Gauthier of Pocatello, Idaho, Charles Gordon of Lilburn, Ga., Thomas Kendall of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, and Alfonso Scandrett Jr. of Greensboro, N.C.

The search began last spring when former Athletic Director Katy Wilson resigned to pursue further education.

According to Crockett, the committee began by advertising the opening on the NCAA Web site. He said that over 650 people viewed the advertisement and it was there the committee learned of most of the potential candidates. After reviewing the applications, the next step was a series of telephone interviews.

"We've got four candidates that we're very pleased with," Crockett said.

The four finalists are a talented group. The quartet includes: a former director of athletics at a successful Division I school, a director of athletics that has propelled his Division III school to prominence, a former fundraising and marketing consultant and a prosperous basketball coach that has recently found new success as director of athletics.

Kendall, a native of the United Kingdom, is currently entering his fourth year as the director of athletics and recreation at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

"I have not really pursued any other opportunities south of the border," Kendall said of his current search for prospective jobs.

Prior to his hire at St. Francis Xavier, Kendall coached women's basketball in the United States at California (Penn.) University.

However, it was at the University of Winnipeg that Kendall had his most success.

Before Kendall was hired at California, he coached women's basketball at the University of Winnipeg. Under Kendall, Winnipeg won 12 conference titles and three consecutive national championships. At one point, his teams won 88 consecutive games.

Kendall lived in Winnipeg for 18 years and likes MSUM's location.

"I'm familiar with the area," he said.

Of his decision to respond to the opening of the athletic director position at MSUM, Kendall said that he liked the size of the community and the school.

Kendall has some ideas for what he would do if he were athletic director at MSUM.

"I would want to help the

coaches acquire the resources necessary to succeed. I like to succeed and more importantly I like to see other people succeed."

Gordon has been the director of athletics and recreation at Emory University, Atlanta, since 1990, under which time his institution gained national distinction for its athletic programs.

According to Emory sports information director John Arenberg, Emory had more Verizon All-Americans (12) and more postgraduate scholarship recipients (seven) than any other NCAA school.

At the end of the 2002-03 season, Emory finished second nationally in the Sears Director's Cup Standings, which ranks the top athletics programs among Division III schools.

Gordon served as the school's liaison to the Atlanta committee for the Olympics in 1996, which used his school's facilities for practices during the 1996 Summer Games. He has also served on the NCAA Council and NCAA Division III

national golf committee.

Gauthier worked as Director of Athletics from 1998 until last spring, during which time he served as the chair of the Big Sky conference athletic director's committee. Gauthier was also director of athletics at Briar Cliff University, Iowa, and director of athletic development at Idaho State University, Pocatello.

Scandrett is currently a professor of marketing, promotion and sports law at Winston-Salem (N.C.) State University. Before taking his current teaching position at Winston-Salem, Scandrett held positions as director of athletics at North Carolina A&T University, Greensboro, and athletic director at Buffalo (N.Y.) State College. Scandrett has also functioned as a fundraising and marketing consultant at Delaware State University, Dover.

The search committee's next step in the hiring process is to bring the candidates to campus for a tour and a forum in which the committee and the public can ask the candidates questions. All forums are to be held in CMU 205 and all will be open to the public.

The first forum was held Tuesday with Gordon. The second forum will be held today

(Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. with Gauthier.

Kendall will be the subject of the third forum next Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The committee will conclude the open forums next Wednesday with an open forum featuring Scandrett from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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“We’ve got four candidates that we’re very pleased with.”

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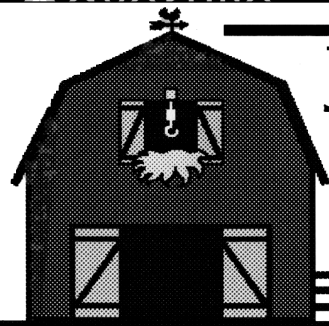
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Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003

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Robinson hopes that students will not only take advantage of the unique environment, but that his idea for the Creative Learning Center will inspire other departments to create such places.

As a result of the center being built, professors Marv

Bossart and Shelton Gunaratne, had to find different offices. They shared the space that the new room occupies.

Gunaratne said he didn't really mind moving to a new office. "It gives me a sense of space," he said of his new office. He said that the new

creative center is a good resource for students to have available.

Bossart, on the other hand, was more reluctant to move. He said he liked the convenience of being close to the mass comm lounge. He compares his new walk from his office to the lounge, which

he said he frequently uses, to walking to Dilworth.

He said, "I tell Marian (his secretary) O.K., I'm going to

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